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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 304/27/2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-10 and 12-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-10 and 12-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10/30/2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 11/08/2007 has been entered and considered by examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 4-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adachi et al.(US Patent No: 6924824).

(1) Regarding claim 1:

Adachi teaches a method of scanning lines in a display (10, Fig. 1) within a frame (one frame, Fig. 5a and 5c together shows one frame period), where driving luminance information provided to the display for each pixel within the frame is divided into subfields (SF1-SF_n,) (column 8, lines, 26-27, column 9, lines 25-27) the method

including the steps of:

selecting subfields (SF1-SF4) to be used when scanning lines (horizontal lines) in a set of scanning cycles (four horizontal, 4H cycle) equivalent to the number of subfields existing for driving the pixels column (vertical line) (column 11, lines 40-57),

scanning the lines (16 horizontal lines i.e. 0-15) consecutively ($0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \dots 15$) for the set of scanning cycles (16H) (column 2, lines 46-59, Fig. 12),

varying the selection of subfield (e.g. SF1, SF4) from line to line in each scanning cycle such that the subfields (SF1 and SF4) are selected in a consecutive order from line to line as the lines are scanned consecutively (note that in Fig. 5 and Fig. 12, 16 horizontal lines i.e. 0-15 consecutive order (i.e. $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \dots 15$), no two consecutive line scans use the same subfield (e.g. Fig 5 shows line 2nd scans use SF1, but SF4 is scanned in line 3rd) and no line is scanned using the same subfield twice during the set of scanning cycles (e.g. line 2nd, there is no repeat same subfield) (also see column 6 lines 14-19),

image flicker caused by the subfields is reduced (see Fig.5, also see column 5, lines 57-60, column 6 lines 14-19, column 9, lines 48-50 and column 11, lines 20-39).

(2) Regarding claim 4:

Adachi teaches the step of varying including selecting the subfields (SF1-SFn) in a random order (randomly selected) from line to line until all subfields have been selected (e.g. $SF3 \rightarrow SF1 \rightarrow SF4 \rightarrow SF2$ (see column 11, lines 40-48) and thereafter

repeating the random selection until all lines have been scanned (see column 11, lines 40-58).

(3) Regarding claim 5:

Adachi teaches the subfields having varying (increasing) lengths (column 5, lines 8-35, fig. 17 and fig 18).

(4) Regarding claim 6:

Adachi teaches the subfields being sub frames (sub-frames SF1-SFn) provided according to a frame length control scheme (e.g. subfield periods are 5H, 9H, 17H, 33H correspond one frame period 64H) (see column 10, lines 43-45).

(5) Regarding claim 7:

Adachi teaches the subfields being sub frames provided according to a frame rate scheme (e.g. N sub-frames correspond to N cycle) (see column 11, lines 48-53)

(6) Regarding claim 8:

Adachi teaches the subfields being provided according to a pulse width modulation scheme (column 9, lines 11-15).

(7) Regarding claim 9:

Adachi teaches the subfields (SF1-SFn) being provided according to a combination of the schemes listed in claims 5, 6 and 7 (see column 5, lines 8-35, column 10, lines 43-45 and column 11, lines 48-53).

(8) Regarding claim 19:

Adachi teaches the (in Fig. 5d) step of varying includes varying the selection of subfield (e.g. SF1, SF4) from line to line in each scanning cycle such that no subfield of one line overlaps another subfield of another line (e.g. Fig 5 shows line 2nd scans use SF1, but SF4 is scanned in line 3rd) with respect to time (i.e. frame period) (column 6, lines 13-19) (note that in Fig. 5, 16 horizontal lines i.e. 0-15 consecutive order (i.e. 0 → 1 → 2 → ... 15) and in line 2nd, there is no repeat same subfield (also see column 5, lines 57-60, column 9, lines 48-50 and column 11, lines 20-39).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi et al. in view of Tsuchiya et al. (US Pub. No: 2002/0105510 A1).

Regarding claim 2:

Adachi discloses a scan line a subfield to a pixel but does not disclose RMS voltage.

However, Tsuchiya in the same field of endeavor discloses RMS voltage ([0189], [0190], Fig. 2).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to incorporate RMS voltage as taught by Tsuchiya applying to the sub-field (sub-frame) of Adachi so that a scan of a line can be including an RMS voltage corresponding to a value of the subfield to a pixel. In this configuration the system will provide a cost reduction and lower power consumption electronic device (Tsuchiya, [0003]).

6. Claims 10 –18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adachi et al. in view of Okumura et al. (US Patent No: 5844534).

(1) Regarding claims 10 and 18:

Adachi teaches a driving (driving at 20) luminance information (S1-Sn) including subfields (SF1-SFn for one frame), and supplying the subfields to a line driving unit (30),

Adachi teaches a device for scanning a number of lines G1-Gm in a display within a frame comprising:

a line driving unit (30) arranged to scan each line consecutively (sequentially, $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \dots 15$) with the information of each pixel on the display in a number of scanning cycles equivalent to the number of subfields existing for driving the pixels (column 9, lines 25-27 , and column 10, lines 54-64),

a control unit (e.g. 803; column 8, lines 62-67) arranged to provide variation of the selection of subfield (e.g. SF1, SF4) from line to line for each scanning cycle such that the subfields are selected in a consecutive order from line to line as the lines are scanned consecutively (see the discussion in claim 1), no two consecutive line scans use the same subfield (e.g. Fig. 5 shows line 2nd scans SF1, but SF4 is scanned in line 3rd) and no line is scanned using the same subfield twice during the set of scanning cycles (e.g. line 2nd, there is no repeat same sub-field), such that image flicker caused by the different sizes of the subfields is reduced (column 5, lines 57-60), column 9, lines 48-50 and column 11, lines 20-39) (e.g. in the case of Fig. 3, the zeroth scan line cycle, so that any one sub-frame is not written to any one scan line more than once, see column 9, lines 48-50).

Adachi does not teaches a conversion unit for converting received luminance values in to driving luminance information including subfields .

Okumura in the same field of endeavor teaches a conversion unit (14) for converting receiving luminance values in to driving luminance information including subfields (see column 24, lines 1-22).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to incorporate a conversion unit (14) as taught by Okumura into the driving unit (20) of Adachi so that the luminance information can be supply to the subfield and the line driving unit. In this configuration the system would provide a high quality image with reduced power consumption (Okumura, column 4, lines 42-46).

(2) Regarding claim 12:

Adachi teaches the control unit (20) being arranged to select the subfields (SF1 → SFn) in a random order from line to line until all subfields have been selected SF3 → SF1 → SF4 → SF2) and thereafter to repeat the random selection until all lines have been scanned (column 4, lines 40-58).

(3) Regarding claim 13:

Adachi teaches the subfields having differing lengths (increasing lengths)(column 5, lines 8-35, Fig. 17 and fig 18).

(4) Regarding claim 14:

Adachi teaches the subfields being provided as subframes according to a frame length control scheme (column 10, lines 40-45).

(5) Regarding claim 15:

wherein the subfields are provided as sub frames according to a frame rate control scheme (control same number of scanning cycle which equal to the subfield) (column 11, lines 48-53).

(6) Regarding claim 16:

Adachi teaches the subfields being provided according to a pulse width modulation scheme (column 9, lines 11-15).

(7) Regarding claim 17:

Adachi teaches the subfields being provided according to a combination of schemes (column 5, lines 8-35, column 10, lines 40-45 and column 11, lines 48-53).

(8) Regarding claim 20:

Note that limitation of claim 20 is discussed in claim 10 and claim 19 (see the discussion in claim 10 and 19).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 10, and 18 have been considered but are not persuasive.

Applicant argue that the reference of Adachi "does not use the scan line selection sequence in Fig. 12". Note that Fig. 12 is used only for the illustration of subfield which is in consecutive order. Moreover in Fig. 5d, Adachi teaches the same feature as recited in amended portion of claims 1, 10 and 18-20.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Inquiry

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to the examiner at (571) 270-1673 Monday- Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

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